

Leon, Celina Garcia—P.S. 106, Antonio Romero, Amir Hairston—P.S. 250, Jasmine Sepulveda, Jorge Melendez—P.S. 257, Anthony Tejera, Wister Dorta—I.S. 318, Marlene Alvarado, Christina Pagan—P.S. 380, Juan Carmona, Claudia Gusman—E.D. Senior Acadamey, Amzad D. Hosein, Thomas R. Napolitano—Holy Trinity School, Jose Enrique Sequi, Jr., Jessica Martinez—St. Peter & Paul School, Brian Paris, Gladys Alvarado—All Saints R.C. School, Francine Hodgson, Cesarina Paula—Transfiguration School, Iris Trinidad, Amanda Zolon—St. Nicholas Elementary School.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the Stearns amendment to H.R. 1757; the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

This amendment urges the United Nations to act as a part-time body with a revolving headquarters. It is bad policy and it is a bad idea.

The United Nations has been instrumental in the promotion of peace and security, economic and social development and human rights around the world. It is not a part-time job.

I'm proud to represent the United Nations and the U.N. community on the upper east side of Manhattan. I am also proud that the United States has had such a tremendous impact on the United Nations. With the new Secretary General in place at the United Nations, we have an outstanding opportunity to continue the United States' influence at the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker, clearly there is room for meaningful reform within the United Nations. But I believe that the only way for the United States to play a major role in this reform effort is to first develop a real package to fulfill our financial obligation to the United Nations.

Currently, the United States owes \$1.3 billion in back dues. The prompt payment of the United States arrears owed to the United Nations must remain our priority. I recently learned that failure to pay our dues has forced the United Nations to borrow from its peacekeeping budget to pay its operating expenses. This is outrageous and we must not allow it to continue.

The United Nations has already carried out many critical reforms. It has reduced the number of employees at its headquarters by more than 10 percent, and has maintained a no-growth operating budget for the last 2 years. That amounts to serious reform in a relatively short period of time. And I expect that these and other reforms will continue.

I was pleased to send a letter to the chairman of the Appropriations Committees asking that the United States fulfill its financial obligation to the United Nations. I have also cosponsored a bill to authorize appropriations for the payment of past arrearage and assessed contributions for peacekeeping operations in the future.

I am proud to call the U.N. community my constituents, and I will continue to support any measures aimed at ensuring full U.S. payment of its dues and arrears to the United Nations.

THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE 1997 EXPLORAVISION AWARDS

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, for the recognition of their achievement, I am inserting into the RECORD the names of the student winners of the 1997 ExploraVision awards:

1997 FIRST PLACE FINALIST WINNERS

Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant, MI; Grade Level: K-3; Project: *Kid Watch*; Students: Ashton Bowlby, Cristianna Caleca, Alisa Cwiek, Lawrence Gross; Community Adviser: Gail L. Caleca; Teacher Adviser: Marla A. Schneider.

Cross Street Elementary School, Williston Park, NY; Grade Level: 4-6; Project: *The Trash Tummy-Digesting Garbage for a Healthy Planet*; Students: Michele Guido, Robert Lupfer, Shannon Murphy, Jessica Napolitano; Teacher Adviser: Sidney W. Burgreen.

Central School of Science, Anchorage, AK; Grade Level: 7-9; Project: *ORACLE: Optical Revolution and Contact Lens Enhancement*; Students: Katie Cueva, Karoline Enzenberger, Christopher Cueva, Nick Shepherd; Community Adviser: Karl A. Augestad; Teacher Adviser: Gail D. Coray.

University Laboratory High School, Urbana, IL; Grade Level: 10-12; Project: *The Artificial Vision Restoration System (AVReS)—Eye of the Future*; Students: Ranjit Bhagwat, Asad Husain, Anand Sarwate; Teacher Adviser: David M. Stone.

1997 SECOND PLACE FINALIST WINNERS

Mandeville Elementary School, Mandeville, LA; Grade Level: K-3; Project: *Meal-O-Meter: The Future Food Reader*; Students: Michael Kelly, Wade Kreider, Kristen Murphy; Community Adviser: Ginny Kelly; Teacher Adviser: Laura K. Fischer.

Read-Turrentine Elementary School, Silsbee, TX; Grade Level: K-3; Project: *Microwave Lunch Kit*; Students: Jason Helton, Jordan Deaver, Shea Sapp; Community Adviser: Andy Haidusek; Teacher Adviser: Nelda Doyen.

Homes Elementary School, San Diego, CA; Grade Level: 4-6; Project: *Robo Buoy*; Students: Melissa Hopkins, Michael Hrenko, Valerie Jaffee, Rebecca Shadwick; Community Adviser: Steve L. Celle; Teacher Adviser: Diana L. Celle.

Clara Byrd Elementary School, Williamsburg, VA; Grade Level: 4-6; Project: *Mission Impossible*; Students: Meghan Antol, Claire Heidt, Kyle Ellis, Chris Wahl; Community Adviser: Jeffery J. Antol; Teacher Adviser: Jennifer E. Kim.

Vancouver Talmud Torah School, Vancouver, BC, Canada; Grade Level: 7-9; Project: *M&M's: Magnetic Medicines Buckyball Therapy in the 21st Century*; Stu-

dents: Isaac Elias, Carly Glanzberg, Robyn Massel, Barry Wohl; Community Adviser: Sanford M. Wohl; Teacher Adviser: Elazar Reshef.

John Burroughs School, St. Louis, MO; Grade Level: 7-9; Project: *RST-Rapid Salmonella Tester*; Students: Pafi Nemes, Alex Permutt, LeRoy J. Stromberg III, Everett Stuckey; Community Adviser: Dr. Scott S. Heinzl; Teacher Adviser: Mary E. Harris.

University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Detroit, MI; Grade Level: 10-12; Project: *Magnetorheological Fluids in Automotive Applications*; Students: James Kirt, Brett Lee, Bill Schlotter, Daniel Tremitiere; Teacher Adviser: Father James R. Kurtz, SJ.

Lowell High School, San Francisco, CA; Grade Level: 10-12; Project: *New Arms and Legs*; Students: Holly Deng, Wilson Mok, Eric Wong, Jimmy Yam; Teacher Adviser: Ray A. Hill.

A SALUTE TO THE 106TH RESCUE GROUP

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the 106th Rescue Group, the oldest flying unit in the Air National Guard. The group has an exceptional history which parallels the greatest U.S. military efforts of the 20th century, and its proud members have proven to be a source of outstanding service and dedication to their Long Island neighbors.

In the years immediately following World War I—when aviation first became a powerful force of warfare—Long Island aviators returned from Europe to organize the 102d Observation Squadron. In the following years, they flew observation missions for New York's 27th Division, and then were called to fight in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II, which they did with honor and determination. The valor that American aviators demonstrated in the war, along with the great technological advancements in warfare aviation that had been made since World War I, inspired the creation of the Air National Guard in 1946. Having fought so courageously over the war-torn cities of Germany and the aerial minefields of the Pacific, the 102d Squadron became part of the Air National Guard, and they were assigned to the 106th Bomb Wing in Brooklyn. The 106th became equipped with the era's finest aircraft as the Korean war exploded, and its members piloted the B-29 Superfortress—a great American innovation in the realm of bombers—as they aided in the effort to stave off North Korea.

Returning to Brooklyn after their service to the United States, the 106th Bomb Wing members turned in their bombers for the chance to fly medical airlift missions. Later, the 106th would fly heavy transport missions throughout the world for the Air Force, and then, as conflict arose in Southeast Asia, they were asked to fly regular missions in support of the American forces fighting in Vietnam. While flying refueling missions to support Air Force fighters in Europe in 1970, the 106th moved to its current location at the Suffolk County Airport in Westhampton Beach. Since 1975, the 106th has taken on search and rescue missions, where they have shown true human dedication, perseverance, and the will